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SUBJECT: APPROACH BY MALTESE NATIONALIST PARTY TO EMBASSY ROME

ROME 7795,

1. WE ASSUME MALTESE PARLIAMENTARIAN WHO CALLED EMBASSY ROME WAS INDEED GIUSEPPE (NOT GIOVANNI) MARIA CAMILLERI, A LAWYER WHO HAS BEEN A NATIONALIST MP SINCE 1948 AND SERVED AS MINISTER OF LABOR AND MINISTER OF INDUSTRY IN PREVIOUS NATIONALIST GOVERNMENTS. HE DOES NOT, HOWEVER, PRESENTLY HOLD ANY OFFICIAL POSITION WITHIN THE PARTY, AND HE CERTAINLY IS NOT "PRESIDENT" OF THE NATIONALIST PARTY.

2. CAMILLERI IS KNOWN TO THE EMBASSY AS A FRIENDLY CONTACT, BUT HE IS NOT A SPOKESMAN FOR THE OFFICIAL LEADER OF THE NATIONALIST PARTY, DR. EDWARD (DEEIE) FENECH ADAMI, NOR IS HE A PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

3. WE CAN ONLY SURMISE THAT CAMILLERI WAS, IN TYPICAL MALTESE FASHION, JUST TRYING TO ENHANCE HIS STATUS AMONG HIS NATIONALIST PEERS BY ARRANGING AN INTERVIEW WITH AMBASSADOR GARDNER.

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4. AMBASSADOR LAINGEN HAD A PRIVATE LUNCHEON MEETING WITH NATIONALIST LEADER FENECH ADAMI ON MAY 11, DURING WHICH IT WAS AGREED THAT THE AMBASSADOR AND EMBASSY OFFICERS WOULD CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACT WITH NATIONALIST REPRESENTATIVES HERE, AS HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE CASE. WE SEE NO NEED TO ENCOURAGE CONTACTS OUTSIDE MALTA,

ALTHOUGH WE ALSO SEE NO PRESENT REASON WHY AMBASSADOR GARDNER SHOULD NOT RESPOND POSITIVELY TO A REQUEST FOR MEETINGS FROM NATIONALIST OFFICIALS SUCH AS FENECH ADAMI, OR DEPUTY LEADER DR. GUIDO DEMARCO, SHOULD THEY MAKE A BONA FIDE REQUEST IN THE FUTURE. HOWEVER, WE DOUBT IF THERE WOULD BE MUCH VALUE IN HIS SEEING SOMEONE LIKE GIUSEPPE CAMILLERI. LAINGEN

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